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## (54) HYDRATE CRYSTAL AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a new dihydrate crystal having antihistaminic and antiallergic activity, thus useful for treating and/or preventing bronchial asthma and allergic rhinitis, etc.

SOLUTION: This new dihydrate crystal is a 3-[4-(8-fluoro-5,11-dihydrobenz[b]oxepino[4,3-b]pyridin-11-ylidene) piperidino]propionic acid dihydrate crystal. This crystal pref. has high-intensity diffraction peaks at diffraction angle  $2\theta$  of about  $4.2^\circ$ ,  $17.0^\circ$ , and  $21.3^\circ$  but virtually has no high-intensity diffraction peaks at about  $11.5^\circ$ ,  $19.2^\circ$ , and  $22.4^\circ$  in its powder X-ray diffraction pattern. This dihydrate crystal is obtained by treating a crystalline substance containing the anhydrous crystal of the above compound with hydrous acetone followed by drying and then humidification.

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